

1 1. A method of receiving messages comprising:
2 receiving electronic mail messages;
3 receiving telephonic messages; and
4 displaying information about said electronic mail
5 and telephonic messages together on a graphical user
6 interface.

1 2. The method of claim 1 further including
2 identifying the source of the telephonic message.

1 3. The method of claim 2 further including handling
2 the message differently based on the source of the
3 telephonic message.

1 4. The method of claim 3 further including
2 converting at least a portion of the telephonic message to
3 text.

1 5. The method of claim 1 further including
2 determining whether identifying information of the
3 telephonic message matches a database of known callers.

1 6. The method of claim 5 further including
2 determining whether a telephone message should be forwarded
3 to another telephony device.

1 7. The method of claim 6 further including
2 determining whether the message should be retained.

1 8. An article comprising a medium for storing
2 instructions that cause a computer to:
3 receive information about an electronic mail
4 message;
5 receive information about a telephonic message;
6 and
7 display information about said electronic mail and
8 telephonic messages together on a graphical user interface.

1 9. A computer-implemented method of handling
2 telephonic messages comprising:
3 identifying the source of the telephonic message;
4 converting at least a portion of the telephonic
5 message to text; and
6 displaying said text in connection with a
7 graphical user interface.

1 10. The method of claim 9 wherein displaying said text
2 includes displaying text together with information about
3 electronic mail messages on the same graphical user
4 interface.

1 11. The method of claim 9 further including
2 identifying the source of the message and handling the
3 message differently depending on the source of the message.

1 12. An article comprising a medium for storing
2 instructions that cause a computer to:
3 identify the source of a telephonic message;
4 convert at least a portion of the telephonic
5 message to text; and
6 display said text in connection with a graphical
7 user interface.

1 13. A method of handling messages comprising:
2 identifying the source of the message; and
3 handling said message differently depending on the
4 source of the message.

1 14. The method of claim 13 including receiving both
2 telephonic and electronic mail messages.

1 15. The method of claim 14 including displaying said
2 electronic mail and telephonic messages together on the same
3 graphical user interface.

1 16. The method of claim 15 including converting at
2 least a portion of a telephonic message to text and

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3 displaying said text in connection with a graphical user
4 interface.

1 17. The method of claim 13 wherein handling said
2 message differently includes providing a different message
3 based on the source of the call.

1 18. The method of claim 13 wherein handling said
2 message differently includes determining whether to forward
3 the call to a different telephony device based on the source
4 of a call.

1 19. The method of claim 13 wherein handling said
2 message differently includes determining the format for
3 storing the message based on the identity of the source of
4 the message.

1 20. An article comprising a medium for storing
2 instructions that cause a computer to:
3 identify the source of a telephonic message; and
4 handle the message differently depending on the
5 source of the message.

1 21. The article of claim 20 including instructions
2 that cause a computer to receive both telephonic and
3 electronic mail messages.

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1 22. The article of claim 21 including instructions
2 that cause a computer to display said electronic mail and
3 telephonic messages together in a graphical user interface.

1 23. The article of claim 22 including instructions
2 that cause a computer to convert at least a portion of a
3 telephonic message to text and display said text in
4 connection with a graphical user interface.

1 24. A system for handling messages comprising:
2 a first device that identifies the source of a
3 telephonic message;
4 a second device that converts at least a portion
5 of the message to text; and
6 a third device that displays the text in
7 connection with a graphical user interface.

1 25. A graphical user interface comprising:
2 a first portion including an icon which identifies
3 whether a message was received telephonically or by
4 electronic mail;
5 a second portion comprising information which
6 identifies the source of the communication; and
7 a third portion including the substance of at
8 least a portion of the message.

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